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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Kurtistown, Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Amendment of Section 73.		
Table of Allotments) RM-) (
FM Broadcast Stations)	
(Kurtistown, Hawaii))	

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 271A (102.1 Mhz) to Kurtistown, Hawaii as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 271A (102.1 Mhz) to Kurtistown, Hawaii and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 271A to Kurtistown will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Kurtistown is located on Hawaii island. It is also located within Hawaii County, a county of some 120,317 persons. Kurtistown has a population of 910 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 271A to Kurtistown will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment is located at Keaau, Hawaii. Keaau is located 7 kilometers from Kurtistown.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Kurtistown is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Kurtistown would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 7 Kilometers of Kurtistown. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 271A can be allotted to Kurtistown and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	•	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Kurtistown, Hawaii			271A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 271A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 271A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 19 - 35' - 36", W. 155 - 03' - 36") are that of a site located within the community of Kurtistown. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 271A to Kurtistown. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Kurtistown. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Kurtistown a would benefit from the allotment of channel 271A. It has also been shown that channel 271A can be allotted to Kurtistown and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 271A for Kurtistown, Hawaii, 73.202.
- 8. Should channel 271A be allotted to Kurtistown, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Kurtistown, Hawaii.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated:

March 4, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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President

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MAPFM search of channel 271A6 (102.1 MHz), at N. 19 35 36, W. 155 3 36.

Searching Channel 271A6 (102.1 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Kealakekua	ΗI	268	C1	U	90.9	75.0	278.6°	15.9
KAOY	Kealakekua	ΗI	268	C1	L	90.9	75.0	278.6°	15.9
ALC	Kaunakakai	ΗI	272	C	V	263.7	165.0	309.0°	98.7

FIGURE 1 KURTISTOWN, HAWAII MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING